

With 6th ASG emergency cards, help is always at hand

By Christie Lawler

An idle Tuesday – nothing out of the ordinary ever happens on days like this. Suddenly your co-worker goes into convulsions. What do you do?

First instinct: Call 911. But wait, you’re in Germany – that’s not the right number. What is it? Panic.

Who do you call? Meanwhile, your co-worker seems to be getting worse as the seconds pass.

Where is that emergency card you received a few months ago? Did you put it in your wallet, or attach it to the ID badge that daily hangs around your neck? Or did you lose track of it?

The emergency card, which can prevent scenarios like this when people do keep it handy, is the brainchild of a small force of community members.

Michelle Saylor, the 6th Area Support Group’s health promotion coordinator, came up with the idea when she found “at least four different versions of an emergency card.”

Saylor said some discrepancies between the versions were “different numbers, but all were in different fonts, in a different order, et cetera.

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Once Saylor recognized the need for the card, she organized a task force including representatives from the Stuttgart Health Clinic, Army Community

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Service, the Provost Marshal’s Office and the European Command.

“Everyone in this community should have a card,” she said. Besides in a wallet or on a badge, Saylor suggests keeping the card at desks and workstations, or near phones.

“The card includes civilian, DSN and German phone numbers for ambulance, fire, police and poison control,” she said. “The number to the MP desk is also included.”

Emergency cards can be picked up in the Patch Barracks Pass and ID office and Army Community Service (building 2307, second floor).

For more information call Saylor at 430-4073/civ. 0711-680-4073.

6th Area Support Group Numbers to Know

- Ambulance**
116/civ. 0711-680-116
- Fire**
117/civ. 0711-680-117
- Military Police**
114/civ. 0711-680-114 (emergency)
430-5262/civ. 0711-680-5262 (other)
- Poison Control**
486-7070/civ. 0637-186-7070
- Emergency Action Center**
421-2601/civ. 0711-729-2601

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